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SUBJECT: RTG DISPOSITION OF CAMBODIAN EQUIPMENT

1. AP TICKER CARRIES AN APRIL 21 STORY DATELINED BANGKOK WITH THE FOLLOWING LEAD: "THE THAI GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE CAMBODIA'S NEW COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ALL VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION BROUGHT INTO THAILAND BY FLEEING CAMBODIAN TROOPS, FOREIGN MINISTER CHATICHAI CHOONHAVAN SAID TODAY."

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING THIS STORY AND, IF IT IS TRUE, POINTING OUT TO THE THAI THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION RAISES SEVERAL POLITICAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS. THE USG RETAINS A REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN ITEMS SUPPLIED UNDER MAP, AND GKR MAP PROPERTY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE USG RATHER THAN TO THE NEW CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. WE REALIZE THAT CHATCHAI MAY WELL BE SPEAKING ONLY FOR HIMSELF AND THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE REFLECTING A CONSIDERED RTG POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, HE IS THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND WE DO NOT WANT HIS STATEMENT TO GO WITHOUT A REACTION

FROM US. THE RTG SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS PROPOSED DISPOSITION
OF MAP PROPERTY WOULD RAISE A POSSIBLE CLAIM BY THE USG. KISSINGER

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